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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO NAC COLLECTIVE  
FROM COLOMBO AUG 22:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L COLOMBO 3159

E.O. 11652:GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, PORG, XM  
SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: LATIN AMERICANS AT THE NON-ALIGNED  
SUMMIT

1. THE GROUP OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN DELEGATIONS  
PLAYED A SMALL ROLE AT THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT. THOSE  
DELEGATIONS WHICH PURSUED ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN  
CONFERENCE DELIBERATIONS ADOPTED A RELATIVELY MORE  
MODERATE STANCE THAN THEY HAD IN THE PAST, AND WITH  
THE EXCEPTION OF CUBA LIMITED THEIR EFFORTS TO ISSUES  
OF SPECIAL INTEREST. WHILE THE POLITICAL DECLARATION  
SPOKE OF "THEINCREASING ROLE THIS REGION IS PLAYING,"  
THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT REMAINS PREDOMINANTLY AN AFFAIR OF TWO  
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2. CUBA AND PERU STAND OUT IN PARTICULAR FOR THEIR ACTIVITY. WHILE CUBA HAD A MULTIPLICITY OF INTERESTS IN LATIN AMERICAN, AFRICAN , AND ECONOMIC ISSUES, IT DID NOT STRIKE AGGRESSIVE POSTURE IN THE CONFERENCE AND ACCEPTED DEFEAT OF ITS ECONOMIC THESES, OF ITS EXTREME RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO, AND, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD, OF ITS HOPE TO HAVE THE NAC ENDORSE ITS INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA EXPLICITLY. PERU, WHOSE DELEGATION ARRIVED WITH THE PRESTIGE OF HOST OF LAST YEAR'S MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE, UNEXPECTEDLY PLAYED A FORCEFUL ROLE IN COUNTERING NORTH-KOREAN POSITION WITHIN NAC. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, PERUVIAN DEL SILVA ALSO CLAIMED CREDIT FOR LEADING WIDESPREAD OPPOSITION TO PR RESOLUTION. SILVA WAS DELIGHTED AT PERUVIAN REELECTION TO COORDINATING COMMITTEE WHERE HE WAS CERTAIN PERU WOULD CONTINUE VIGOROUSLY TO ESPOUSE "TRULY NON-ALIGNED" LINE. (SILVA ACCOMPANIED EXPOSITION OF PERU'S "INDEPENDENT" FOREIGN POLICY WITH EQUALLY VIGOROUS RECOMMENDATION THAT US HELP PERU WITH "NO STRINGS" AID.)

3. DELEGATIONS FROM WHOM MORE MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED (OR FEARED) WERE PANAMA AND GUYANA. AS REPORTED SEPARATELY, PANAMANIAN DELEGATION WAS, EXCEPT FOR RHETORIC OF TORRIJOS' SPEECH, THE EPITOME OF CIRCUMSPECTION. GUYANA DID NOT OVERPLAY ITS HAND ON DESTABILIZATION ISSUE AND ACHIEVED ITS MINIMUM REQUIREMENT WITH STRONG LANGUAGE IN POLITICAL DECLARATION. ARGENTINA WAS RELATIVELY UNCOMFORTABLE IN NON-ALIGNED FORUM. ITS SOLE PURPOSE IN ATTENDING WAS CLEARLY TO ASSURE THAT MALVINAS/FALKLAND ISLANDS POSITION WAS REAFFIRMED.

4. OBSERVER DELEGATIONS: MEXICO: IT WOULD APPEAR THAT PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF MEXICAN ATTENDANCE WAS TO ASSURE FAVORABLE REFERENCE TO NEXT MONTH'S CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY. IN THIS, THEY SUCCEEDED. WE ARE TOLD THEY ALSO ATTEMPTED TO INITIATE LANGUAGE IN DISARMAMENT AREA BUT DID NOT PLAY SIGNIFICANT ROLE  
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ON THAT SUBJECT IN FINAL DRAFTING. IN ALL, THEIR MINISTERIAL LEVEL DELEGATION MADE LITTLE IMPACT.

5. VENEZUELA: THIS WAS  
TTHE OTHER LATIN AMERICAN OBSERVER  
DELEGATION TO BE HEADED BY A MINISTER, BUT  
PEREZ GUERRERO'S ATTENDANCE WAS CLEARLY IN CONNECTION  
WITH HIS WORK IN CIEC, RATHER THAN AN

EXPRESSION OF VENEZUELAN INTEREST IN NON-ALIGNED  
MOVEMENT. WHILE PEREZ UNDOUBTEDLY ENGAGED IN WIDESPREAD  
INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE  
THAT HE ATTEMPTED IN ANY WAY DIRECTLY TO INFLUENCE  
NEGOTIATIONS ON ECONOMIC TEXTS.

6. OTHER OBSERVERS: BRAZILIAN DELEGATION WAS TO A  
CERTAIN EXTENT APPALLED BY NAC PROCEEDINGS, AND  
CLEARLY ATTENDED IN AN EFFORT TO MAINTAIN  
ACCEPTANCE WITH AFRICAN AND ASIAN COUNTRIES. EL  
SALVADOR DELEGATE NOT REALLY CLEAR WHAT HE WAS DOING  
IN COLOMBO. NO ONE HAD EVEN NOTICED THAT A BOLIVIAN  
DELEGATION WAS PRESENT UNTIL A BOLIVIAN-SPONSORED  
RESOLUTION (DEALING WITH ITS RIGHT TO  
ACCESS TO THE SEA) WAS ADOPTED IN CLOSING SESSION.  
PERUVIAN DEL SILVA TOLD EMBOFF BOLIVIAN LANGUAGE  
WAS NOT CONTROVERSIAL, BUT AS OF AUGUST 21 RESOLUTION  
HAD NOT BEE LISTED AS FINAL CONFERENCE DOCUMENT.

7. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO ARA POSTS NOT INCLUDED IN  
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